



EXAMINING GROUP 2651

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

T. Shimamura et al.

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RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2004, the time period for responding being extended for one month from April 6, 2004 to May 6, 2004 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the application as follows.